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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT
FOR COOPERATION

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 197603, (B) MEXICO 12515,
(C) STATE 192378, (D) VIENNA 6813, (E) STATE 185535,
(F) VIENNA 5700, (G) VIENNA 6992

1. SUMMARY: IN ORDER TO PURSUE OUR DIALOGUE WITH
MEXICO ON SUBJECT AMENDMENT, AND RECALLING MEXICAN
DESIRE FOR PRE-BOARD AND PRE-GENERAL CONFERENCE
CONSULTATIONS REPORTED REF F, AMB KIRK AND MISOFFS
MET WITH AMBASSADOR GARCIA-LOPEZ AND DR. FERNANDO
PRIETO CALDERON ON SEPTEMBER 12, WITH RESULTS AS
INDICATED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

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2. PRIETO SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE PROPOSED
REVISIONS TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE U.S./IAEA AGREEMENT
FOR COOPERATION (GOV/1879), AS SET FORTH IN REFS D AND
F (MODIFIED PER REF E), AND THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED A
POSITIVE RESPONSE TO MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH
SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR
SATISFACTION WITH AND APPRECIATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO

DISCUSS AND RESOLVE THESE MATTERS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, RATHER THAN HAVING TO AIR THEM IN THE BOARD. HE ALSO RECALLED THE PROVISION EXPLICITLY PRECLUDING PNE'S AND SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND WOULD NOT

RPT NOT PRESS THE ISSUE, ALTHOUGH THE MEXICAN REP PROBABLY WILL WISH TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN THE BOARD SETTING FORTH GOM VIEWS ON THE MATTER. (WE ARE NOT RPT NOT SURE WHAT HE MEANT BY THIS, BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.) HE CONFIRMED THAT MEXICO WILL ABIDE BY ITS NPT COMMITMENTS. HE ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD APPRECIATE THE TEXTUAL CHANGES WE PROPOSED AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RPT NO PROBLEMS ON THE AMENDMENT WHEN IT COMES TO THE BOARD.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE LESS OPTIMISTIC ON THE LATTER, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND ARGENTINA MAY ALSO HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE TEXT, ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNCERTAIN THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY MAY REFLECT GOA VIEWS OR SOLELY THE GOA RES REP'S VIEWS. WE HOPE TO DETERMINE MORE ON THIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MOREOVER, WE MAY STILL FACE SOME PROBLEMS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO ARE NOT RPT NOT IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE WE
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BELIEVE WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN GAINING SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT, WE PREFER TO DELAY FORMALIZING THE REVISIONS TO THE AMENDMENT WITH THE IAEA PENDING FURTHER SOUNDINGS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. OUR ASSESSMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME IS THAT, IF WE CAN MOVE FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON SUPPLY AGREEMENTS RELATED TO RESEARCH REACTOR FUEL REQUESTS FOR YUGOSLAVIA, MEXICO AND INDONESIA, THE FEBRUARY BG MEETING WOULD BE THE MOST PROPITIOUS TIME TO HAVE THE AMENDMENT CONSIDERED, PROVIDED THE AFOREMENTIONED SUPPLY AGREEMENTS ARE ALSO READY FOR BG CONSIDERATION AT THE SAME TIME. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE AWAITING RESPONSES FROM WASHINGTON TO THE AGENCY'S REQUESTS ON BEHALF OF MEXICO AND INDONESIA. END COMMENT.

4. WE THEN WENT OVER THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ITEM BY ITEM, MOST OF WHICH WAS ROUTINE AND PRODUCED NO RPT NO SURPRISES. GOM WILL SUPPORT ARTICLE VI ONE-PLUS-ONE AMENDMENT BUT WILL NOT RPT NOT PRESS "TOO HARD". THEY AGREE WITH DESIRABILITY OF POSTPONING ACTION ON THE DOCUMENT CONTAINING GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND OPERATING RULES FOR TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE PENDING FURTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS,
SINCE THEY HAVE SEVERAL PROBLEMS WITH THE LATEST
DRAFT. THEY ARE MOST STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE

INCLUSION OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF RECIPIENT
MEMBER STATES.

5. RE GENERAL CONFERENCE, PRIETO ASKED ABOUT THE

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PROBLEM OF ACCOMMODATING THE AFRICANS ON THE GENERAL
COMMITTEE AGAIN THIS YEAR, STRESSING DESIRABILITY OF
WORKING THINGS OUT INFORMALLY IN ADVANCE TO AVOID
PROBLEMS. WE INDICATED THAT WITH AN AFRICAN OCCUPYING
THE PRESIDENCY THIS YEAR, THERE MIGHT NOT RPT NOT BE
MUCH PRESSURE FOR ADDING ADDITIONAL AFRICANS, BUT
THAT IF THIS WERE NOT RPT NOT THE CASE, WE EXPECTED
NOT RPT NOT TO HAVE ANY PROBLEM IN AGREEING ONCE
AGAIN TO AN AD HOC SOLUTION AS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

6. ON ANOTHER MATTER, PRIETO NOTED THERE IS NOW SOME
URGENCY TO OBTAINING INSTRUMENTED FUEL ELEMENTS (WHICH
ARE INCLUDED IN THEIR REQUEST THROUGH IAEA FOR NEW
FUEL REPORTED REF G) FOR THE TRIGA RESEARCH REACTOR
FOR SAFETY REASONS, NOTING THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO
SHUT THE REACTOR DOWN IF SUCH ELEMENTS COULD NOT RPT
NOT BE OBTAINED REASONABLY SOON. FOR THIS REASON,
THEY WERE PREPARED, IF NECESSARY, TO SPLIT THEIR

REQUEST FOR NEW FUEL AND THE INSTRUMENTED FUEL
ELEMENTS INTO TWO TRANSACTIONS, THE LATTER TO BE
HANDLED FIRST, IF THIS WOULD HELP IN OBTAINING U.S.
AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY THE MATERIALS REQUIRED. MISOFF
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NOTED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED FROM IAEA THE FORMAL
REQUEST ON BEHALF OF GOM FOR SUPPLY OF FUEL AND THAT
THIS WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON. WE ALSO
NOTED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY MAKE NO RPT NO
DIFFERENCE BY SPLITTING THE REQUEST, SINCE IT WOULD
TAKE JUST AS LONG TO NEGOTIATE A SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR
THE INSTRUMENTED FUEL ELEMENTS AS IT WOULD FOR THE
ENTIRE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL REQUESTED. WE FELT IT
SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AIM FOR COMPLETING NEGOTIATIONS
ON A SUPPLY AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE
FEBRUARY BG MEETING, ASSUMING THE U.S. AGREES IN
PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLY THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION. PRIETO
WAS ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHEN WE MIGHT HEAR FROM WASHINGTON
ON THE MATTER, TO WHICH WE RESPONDED THAT IT WAS
DIFFICULT TO PREDICT, BUT HOPEFULLY IN ANOTHER 2-3
WEEKS OR SO. PRIETO SEEMED QUITE PLEASED WITH OUR
RESPONSE.

7. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT MEXICAN RESEARCH REACTOR
FUEL REQUEST BE EXPEDITED IF POSSIBLE. SMITH

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